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100,000 agents. An annual budget of 2 billion dollars -- that is, about 100 billion riel, or more than 15 times the Cambodian national budget for 1965. That is what the CIA's (Central Intelligence Agency) empire is like. The man who is at the head of this empire is, in fact, one of the most powerful people in the US. Because he holds in his hands all the information -- true or false -- and because of this, has an important (capitale) influence over the decisions which the President is called upon to make -- especially in the present situation where peace is seriously threatened. The man who has just been appointed to direct the State within a State is a Navy man, Admiral William Raborn, a Texan like Johnson, his friend. He replaced John McCone, who succeeded Allen Dulles.

The CIA has had some experience in the world in making and breaking regimes and governments. It "juggles with world order." The fall of Mossadegh in Iran in 1953 was its doing; so was the exile of Arbenz from Guatemala; Phoumi Nosavan coup d'etat in 1965 was another exploit of the CIA; "backhanded blows" dealt here and there -- in Iraq, in Vietnam, in Jordan, in the Congo, in Brazil, and even in Cambodia (for example, the Dap Chhuon plot) indicate activities emanating from this department of subversion and provocation. The failure of the invasion of Cuba at the Bay of Pigs in 1960, proves that its information is now always exact and that the effectiveness of its acts is very doubtful, not to speak of its morality. The dissolution of "Sukarnoism" in Indonesia constitutes another failure of the CIA in Asia, because this movement was, even according to Americans, set up entirely by CIA agents. These were recruited in both civilian and military circles: there are engineers, diplomats, experts, soldiers, members of the "peace corps" and businessmen. With such means, one does not lack collaborators!

The CIA is a powerful tool of US imperialism. With Admiral W. Raborn as its head, it will be even more aggressive, more arrogant. It will not be surprising if the imperialists become more and more warmongering. The whole apparatus for the execution of their aggression policy has been activated. We can only anticipate a world situation which is even more tense. Vigilance at every moment and the solidarity of all peace loving peoples is necessary to face the danger which is now threatening the whole of humanity. -- N. N.

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